



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5229

LCO No. 1012



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT CHANGING CERTAIN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS IN THE
STATE CODES OF ETHICS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (k) of section 1-84 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2016*):

4 (k) No public official, spouse of the Governor or state employee
5 shall accept a fee or honorarium for an article, appearance or speech, or
6 for participation at an event, in the public official's, spouse's or state
7 employee's official capacity, provided a public official, Governor's
8 spouse or state employee may receive payment or reimbursement for
9 necessary expenses for any such activity in his or her official capacity.
10 If a public official, Governor's spouse or state employee receives such a
11 payment or reimbursement for lodging or out-of-state travel, or both,
12 the public official, Governor's spouse or state employee shall, not later
13 than thirty days thereafter, file a report of the payment or
14 reimbursement with the Office of State Ethics, unless the payment or

15 reimbursement is provided by the federal government or another state
 16 government. If a public official, Governor's spouse or state employee
 17 does not file such report within such period, either intentionally or due
 18 to gross negligence on the public official's, Governor's spouse's or state
 19 employee's part, the public official, Governor's spouse or state
 20 employee shall return the payment or reimbursement. If any failure to
 21 file such report is not intentional or due to gross negligence on the part
 22 of the public official, Governor's spouse or state employee, the public
 23 official, Governor's spouse or state employee shall not be subject to any
 24 penalty under this chapter. When a public official, Governor's spouse
 25 or state employee attends an event in this state in the public official's,
 26 Governor's spouse's or state employee's official capacity and as [a
 27 principal speaker] an active participant at such event and receives
 28 admission to or food or beverage at such event from the sponsor of the
 29 event, such admission or food or beverage shall not be considered a
 30 gift and no report shall be required from such public official, spouse or
 31 state employee or from the sponsor of the event.

32 Sec. 2. Section 1-96e of the general statutes is repealed and the
 33 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

34 Each registrant who pays or reimburses a public official or state
 35 employee ten dollars or more for necessary expenses, as defined in
 36 section 1-79, shall [, within thirty days, file a statement] include in the
 37 registrant's next financial report filed with the Office of State Ethics
 38 [indicating] pursuant to section 1-96 the name of such individual and
 39 the amount of the expenses.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	1-84(k)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	1-96e

Statement of Purpose:

To change the exemption from reporting requirements from any public official, Governor's spouse or state employee who is a principal speaker at an event to any such official, spouse or employee who is an active participant at an event and to require lobbyists to report necessary expenses paid to a public official or state employee in their next financial report rather than as a separate report within thirty days.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]